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Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination is responsive to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 8, 2008, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following. Inasmuch as the shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on March 8, 2008, this response is timely. However, if an extension of time is deemed necessary, Applicants explicitly request the same and the undersigned authorizes the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge any fee necessary, including extension of time fees, to ensure the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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